

A Touch of History

Age range: 3rd-12th grade.

Student Limit: 60

Theme: Alabama has helped shape some of the most important moments in American history.

Objective:

Students will learn the cultural, economic, and social aspects of Alabama Indians, lifestyles of 19th and 20th centuries, and Alabama's military history. Students will also gain an appreciation for artifacts and archival documents.

Method:

- Students will be divided into groups and rotated through various sections of museum.
- Each section will include a touch cart or similar hands-on opportunities.

***Addresses Alabama Course of Study:
Social Studies Standards, 2004***

Fourth grade:

- #2 Describe cultures, government, and economics of prehistoric and historic Native Americans in Alabama.
- #3. List reasons for European exploration and settlement in Alabama and the impact of Europeans on trade, health, land expansion, and tribal reorganization of Native American populations in Alabama.
- #6. Identify cultural, economic, and political aspects of the lifestyles of early 19th century farmers, plantation owners, slaves, and townspeople.
- #7. Identify reasons for Alabama's secession from the Union, including sectionalism, slavery, states rights, and economic disagreements.
- #10. Describe significant social and educational changes in Alabama during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- #11 and #12 Describe the impact of World War I and II on Alabamians.
- #14. Describe the social, political, and economic impact of the modern Civil Rights Movement in Alabama.

Fifth grade:

- #4 Explain the effects of European exploration during the Age of Discovery upon European Society and Native Americans, including economic and cultural impact.
- #12 Identify causes of Civil War from the northern and southern viewpoints.

Sixth grade:

- # 6. Identify cultural and economic development in the society of the United States from 1877 through 1930s.
- #10. Identify major social and cultural changes in the United States from 1945 to 1960.
- #13. Describe the role of major civil rights leaders and significant events during the modern Civil Rights Movement.